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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm a small-business person working hard to help improve math and science education in schools. Business + schools, well, it's not lucrative, but it's important. My business working with schools, publishers, teachers, and other organizations depends on good, affordable internet.

I'm glad that the existing rules make it possible for other small companies to compete by leasing those "last-mile" wires from the big dogs like AT&T and Comcast. I used to be with AT&T, but my current provider (Sonic, here in California) gives me better service at a better price. Their competition will never drive AT&T out of business, but it does help us all keep costs down, and makes sure that everyone is paying attention to their customers.

Right now, I'm hoping we'll get fiber in our neighborhood. The proposed rule changes, as I understand it, will make it harder or impossible for my carrier to offer it. We already have enough wires hanging from the utility poles. Don't make every competitor connect directly to every address. Let them use the existing Telecom wires and pay a fair price for the privilege which is what they do now.

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